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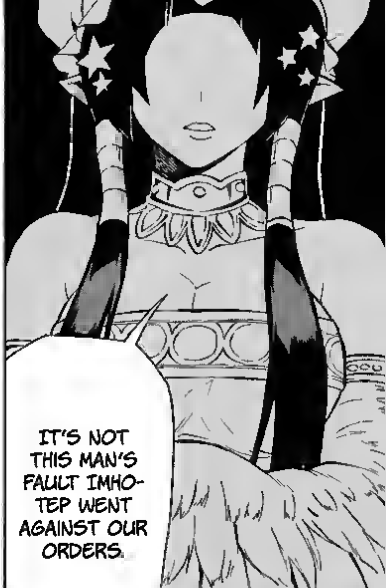
"I WON'T ERASE DJOSER"
HAAH
GAHH
HA-?
HAH
STOP TAKING AWAY HIS OXYGEN, SHU.
!!?
ACCORDING YES... TO THE REPORT FROM HIGH PRIEST, KHONSU, THAT'S WHAT IMHOTEP SAID--!!?



NT. TEFNUT IS THE GODDESS OF MOISTURE SO HE CALLS HER HUMID

WE WERE TOO HASTY!!!
I KNEW WE SHOULDN'T HAVE WOKEN HIM UP!
ARGH AS THE ELDEST CHILD, I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CAREFUL.
ENNEAD: SHU

IT'S A REAL PITY HE DECLINED
BUT I THINK WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THAT THE KID DIDN'T GO OVER TO DJOSER'S SIDE
ENNEAD: GEB

YOU SAY THAT, BUT WEREN'T YOU THE FIRST TO AGREE TO IT? HAHA.
ENNEAD: OSIRIS

CHILDREN ARE CUTER WHEN THEY'RE A LITTLE NAUGHTY.
DON'T YOU AGREE, DARLING?
"A LITTLE NAUGHTY DOESN'T DESCRIBE IT!!
ENNEAD: NUT

THE "SNAKE" HAS MADE ITS MOVE...
...A STORM...
IS APPROA-CHING...
ENNEAD : THE FIRST GOD
ATUM

SENCHO
?

Haah.
Haah.
SOMEONE!
HELP ME!
OOH?
KYAA!
WHAT'S WRONG? RUN OUT OF BREATH?
!!!
HUMANS REALLY ARE INQUISITIVE CREATURES.
HELP!

IT SAVES ME THE TROUBLE OF GOING OUT TO HUNT FOR FOOD.
THEY'RE ALWAYS ATTRACTED TO RUMORS OF "GHOSTS" OR "MONSTERS".
NOW, THEN!!
IT'S TIME TO EAT YOUR SOUL!!!
GUOH?!!
!?

NOW THAT'S A COW JUST WAITING TO BE CUT UP.
THE PERFECT OPPONENT FOR MY REHABILI-TATION.

HERE WE GO, "TENKUU".

GO FORTH! "SEKH-MET"!!
!!?

WHA...
A PRIEST?!!

THAT FORM YOU MUST BE APIS, THE SACRED BULL OF PTAH THE GOD OF CRAFTSMANSHIP.

WELL THANKS TO YOU, THIS FOREST NOW HAS A SCARY RUMOR.
WHICH IS MORE THAN ENOUGH OF AN ATTRACTION FOR YOUNG KIDS TO ENJOY
YOU'RE NOT NEEDED HERE ANYMORE.

APIS IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE LIVING EMBODIMENT OF PTAH.
IT IS SAID THAT PTAH WAS ABLE TO CREATE ANYTHING JUST BY IMAGINING IT.
BUT IT SEEMS THE ONLY THING A FAKE LIKE YOURSELF MANAGED TO CREATE WAS A MERE RUMOR.

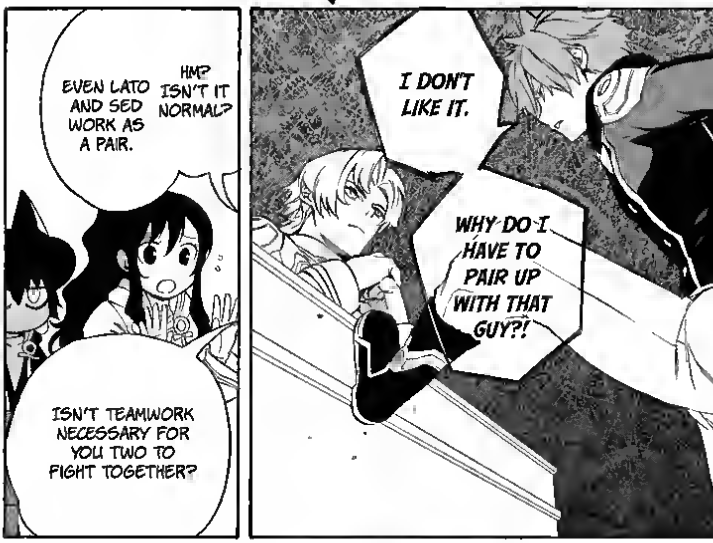
BECOME A PART OF ME!
"MAGAI PTAH"!!!

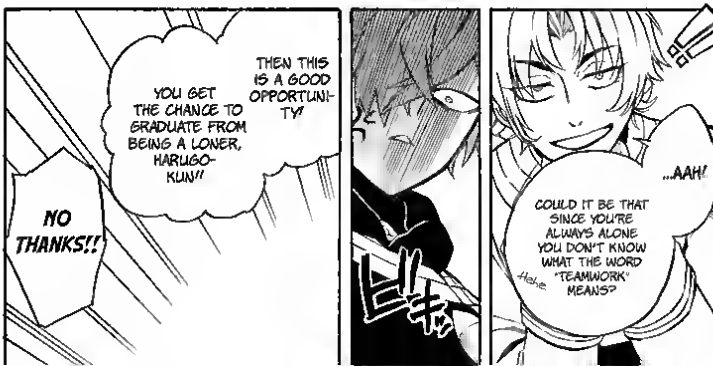
OI! IMHOTEP!!!
AAAAH. IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THIS HAPPENED.
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DESTROYED, NOT CAPTURED!! STOP PISSING ME OFF!!
WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, EXORCISING A MAGAI WITH ANOTHER MAGAI?!!
DAMN RIGHT I WOULDN'T. I'D NEVER JOIN HANDS WITH MY PARENTS' KILLER.
I DOUBT YOU'D PROTECT ME WHILE I'M IN A DEFENSLESS STATE CASTING MY SPELL.
ONCE CAPTURED, THEY'RE HARMLESS! THEIR POWERS ARE USEFUL! THAT'S WHY I'M USING THEM! WHAT'S MORE,

THAT'S ENOUGH.
HAVE MORE RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER!!
SIGH! WHY DO YOU THINK I BROUGHT YOU TWO ALONG WITH ME?
DECOY
YOU TWO ARE A TEAM NOW!

WELCOME BAAAACK.
IMHOTEEEP. HOW WAS YOUR "FIRST MISSION"?
GO FIGURE.
AH RIGHT....
Got it
HARUGO-KUN, IMHOTEP.
YOU TWO HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE AMEN PRIEST ASSOCIATION AS "ROOKIE PRIESTS."
Congrats!
I THOUGHT I ASSIGNED YOU TWO TO WORK AS MENTORS.
SUBORDINATES NOW, OKAY??
SO YOU'RE BOTH OFFICIALLY MY

I'M NOT BALD, BUT THAT HURT MY FEELINGS!!!
SHUT UP, BALDY.
WHY ARE YOU FIGHTING WITH EACH OTHER?


HM? ISN'T IT NORMAL?
EVEN LATO AND SED WORK AS A PAIR.
ISN'T TEAMWORK NECESSARY FOR YOU TWO TO FIGHT TOGETHER?
I DON'T LIKE IT.
WHY DO I HAVE TO PAIR UP WITH THAT GUY?!


THEN THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY!
YOU GET THE CHANCE TO GRADUATE FROM BEING A LONER, HARUGO-KUN!!
NO THANKS!!
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!!
...AAH!
COULD IT BE THAT SINCE YOU'RE ALWAYS ALONE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THE WORD "TEAMWORK" MEANS?
Hehe

HONESTLY, I THINK YOU TWO WILL DO WELL TOGETHER.
AFTER ALL, TOGETHER YOU SURVIVED AGAINST THE KING OF THE MAGAI.

CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TO YOU IF IMOHTEP WASN'T THERE?
HOW ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED TO IMHOTEP IF YOU WEREN'T THERE?

AND BESIDES, WITH IMHOTEP'S MAGIC AND YOUR SWORD, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO COVER FOR ONE ANOTHER'S WEAKNESSES
JUST LIKE AN IDEAL PARTY IN AN ORTHODOX RPG!!! DON'T YOU AGREE?!

IF THERE'S SOMETHING I'M LACKING,
I'LL JUST GET STRONG ENOUGH TO MAKE UP FOR IT
FUCK YOU.
I DON'T INTEND ON PAIRING UP WITH ANYONE

I HAD NO IDEA HE WAS A MUSCLE-HEAD
AH HE LEFT
スタスタ

Not to tease Haru so much?!!
Didn't I tell you
Yes!! You did! You told me!! I'm sorry!!

KHON SU-SAMA.
YE-S?!

I'M SO HANDSOME I'M LITERALLY DRIPPING WITH WATER.
ANYWAY, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
THE ONE WHO ASKED ME TO TEAM IMHOTEP UP WITH HARU-GO-KUN WAS YOU, LATO
YES.
MU?! REALLY?!
HARU... DIDN'T CHOOSE TO BE ALONE FOR NO REASON.
THAT'S WHY, UP TILL NOW, I'VE RESPECTED HIS DECISION AND ALLOWED HIM TO CARRY OUT MISSIONS ALONE
IF IMHOTEP-SAMA WASN'T AROUND..
IF WE FAILED TO MAKE IT IN TIME...
BUT THAT TIME...

HMM...
THEN WHY DON'T YOU TEAM UP WITH HIM?

YOU WERE THE FIRST ONE,
IMHO-TEP-SAMA.

I'VE NEVER SEEN HARU OFFER TO
WORK TOGETHER WITH SO-MEONE BEFORE

THERE'S NO GUARANTEE IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN
TAKING THAT INTO CONSIDERATION, I CAN'T ALLOW HIM TO WORK ON HIS OWN ANY MORE

ALTHOUGH IT WAS FRUSTRA-TING,
IT MADE ME FEEL HAPPY.

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THERE WAS SOMETHING I HAD TO INFORM HARUGO-KUN ABOUT, TOO!!
AH!
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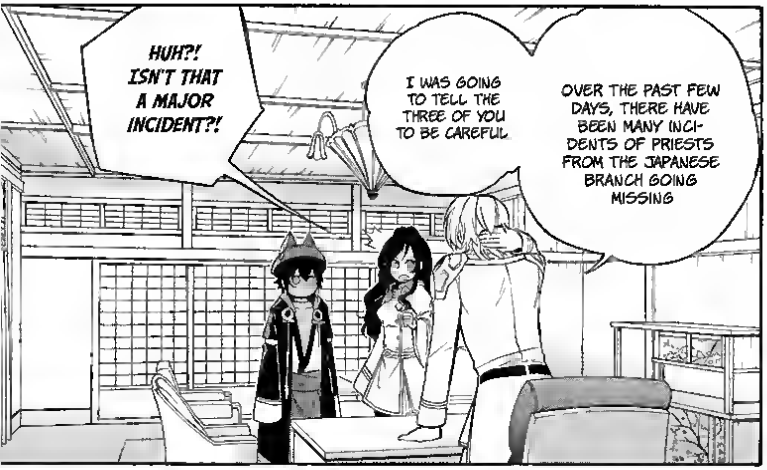
HUH?! ISN'T THAT A MAJOR INCIDENT?!
I WAS GOING TO TELL THE THREE OF YOU TO BE CAREFUL
OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY INCIDENTS OF PRIESTS FROM THE JAPANESE BRANCH GOING MISSING

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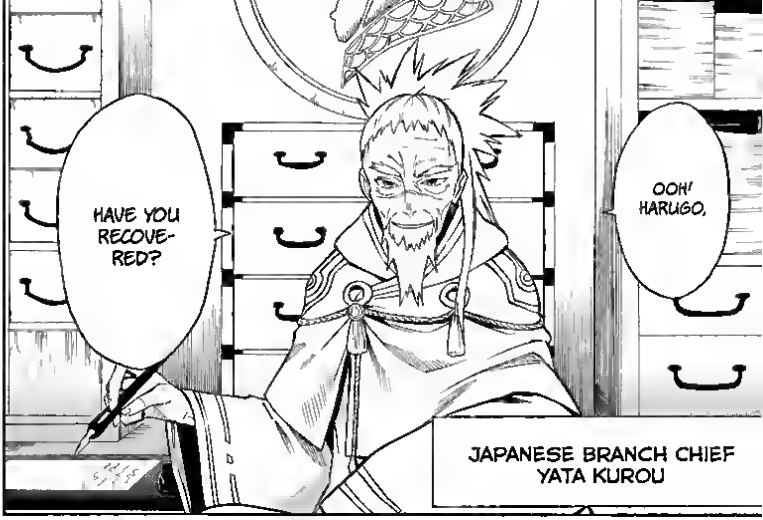
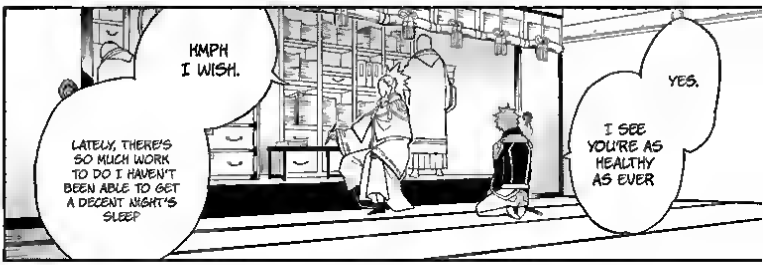
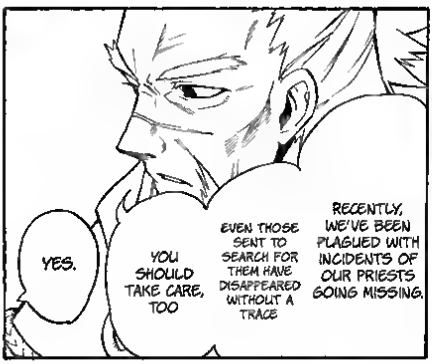
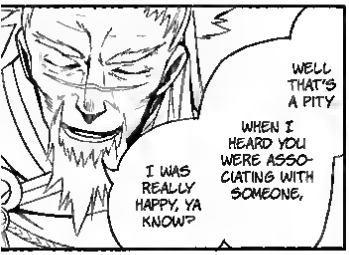
YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THIS!!
MASS DISAPPEARANCES?


OOH! HARUGO.
HAVE YOU RECOVE-RED?
JAPANESE BRANCH CHIEF YATA KUROU


YES.
I SEE YOU'RE AS HEALTHY AS EVER
HMPH I WISH.
LATELY, THERE'S SO MUCH WORK TO DO I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET A DECENT NIGHT'S SLEEP


YES.
YOU SHOULD TAKE CARE, TOO
EVEN THOSE SENT TO SEARCH FOR THEM HAVE DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE
RECENTLY, WE'VE BEEN PLAGUED WITH INCIDENTS OF OUR PRIESTS GOING MISSING.

HMP NO.
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE NEWS FROM KHONSU?
THAT BRAT, I'LL HAVE TO GIVE HIM A GOOD BEA-TING LATER


WELL THAT'S A PITY
WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE ASSOCIATING WITH SOMEONE,
I WAS REALLY HAPPY, YA KNOW?

HOW IS IT? FUN?
I HEARD YOU'RE TEAMED UP WITH IMHOTEP NOW!!
BUT I BET YOU'LL BE FINE!
I HAVE NO PLANS ON TEAMING WITH HIM WHATSOEVER.
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15 YEARS AGO,
I LEFT YOUR FAMILY TO DIE.

EH?
I'M SORRY, HARUGO.

MY BODY HAS BEEN GROWING WEAKER OVER THE YEARS LOOK, MY ARM'S JUST SKIN AND BONES
I MAY NOT HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT
AFTER I TOOK YOU IN, I'VE ONLY MADE YOU FEEL ASHAMED OF YOURSELF
I UNDERSTAND HE'S YOUR ENEMY
DON'T SAY SUCH A THING! I STILL THINK OF YOU AS--
THERE MAY BE THOSE WHO'LL COMPLAIN ABOUT YOU TEAMING UP WITH IMHOTEP,
BUT LISTEN TO ME, HARUGO
YOU MADE A FRIEND YOU CAN FACE WITH YOUR TRUE FEELINGS
DON'T LET THAT BOND GO.

I'M DEEPLY GRATEFUL... FOR YOUR KINDNESS.
MISORA KARUGO-DONO.
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M YAGAMI, A NEWBIE.
I HEARD YOU CAME BACK ALIVE AFTER FIGHTING THE KING OF THE MAGAI, DJOSER.
I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A DUEL WITH YOU.
I, TOO, AM A PERSON WHO'S FAMILY WAS KILLED BY THE MAGAI.

This is Bad!!!
Th-

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I HAVE TO RETURN HOME QUICKLY!!
THERE'S A THREE-HOUR SPECIAL OF "BUDDHA OF ENTERTAINMENT" AT 7PM ON TV TODAY!!
IT'S ON AT THE SAME TIME AS A MOVIE I WANT TO RECORD!!
HINOME IS A MEANIE AND REFUSED TO RECORD IT FOR ME!!

I'M COMPLETELY LOST.
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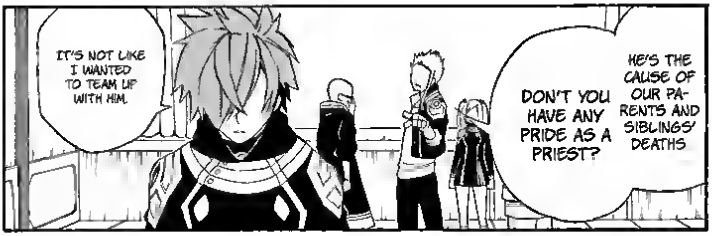
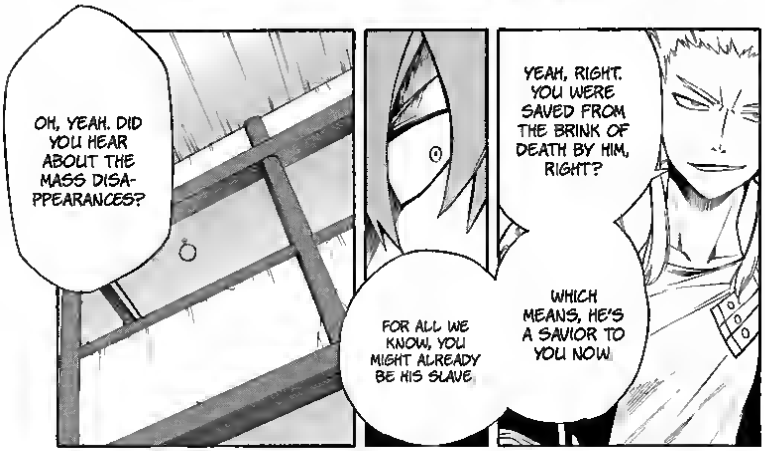
WHERE AM I?!

I SHOULD HAVE ASKED LATO.
WHERE'S THE EX!!!!-IT?!!

..NOW,
LET'S BEGIN
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
HAH! TO THINK YOU WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED
JUST AS I EXPECTED FROM HARUSO-KUN.

WE WERE YOUR CLASSMATES.
I BET YOU DON'T EVEN REMEMBER OUR NAMES.
Hm.
IS IT TRUE YOU'VE TEAMED UP WITH IMHOTEP??
WAIT UP, DUDE LET'S CHAT FOR A BIT
IF YOU'RE NOT HERE FOR A DUEL, I'M GOING HOME
THAT'S FUCKED UP.
MAN,


IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO TEAM UP WITH HIM.
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY PRIDE AS A PRIEST?
HE'S THE CAUSE OF OUR PARENTS AND SIBLINGS' DEATHS


OH, YEAH. DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MASS DISAPPEARANCES?
FOR ALL WE KNOW, YOU MIGHT ALREADY BE HIS SLAVE.
YEAH, RIGHT. YOU WERE SAVED FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH BY HIM, RIGHT?
WHICH MEANS, HE'S A SAVIOR TO YOU NOW.

THE ONLY CONCLUSIONS WE CAN DRAW ARE THAT THEY WERE EITHER BEING CONTROLLED BY THE ENEMY OR WERE SPIES TO BEGIN WITH.
ACCORDING TO THE TESTIMONY OF SURVIVORS, THE VICTIMS SUDDENLY ATTACKED THEIR ALLIES BEFORE DISAPPEARING
THERE HASN'T BEEN A LOT OF RUCKUS ABOUT IT, BUT IT'S STILL A MAJOR INCIDENT.
APPARENLY, NEARLY 50 PEOPLE ARE MISSING

A THIRD POSSIBILITY: THEY WERE BEING CONTROLLED BY A SPY FROM WITHIN THE PRIEST ASSSOCTIATION.
OR, PERHAPS.
WHAT'S THE EVIDENCE YOU HAVE FOR DOUBTING ME?
SO?
YOU USED TO WORSHIP THE MAGAI!!!

I COULD NEVER ACCEPT IT.
THERE'S NO WAY A GUY WHO WORSHIPPED THE MAGAI WHO KILLED OUR FAMILY
COULD BECOME A PRIEST LIKE US!!
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE ALL ORPHANS,
IT WAS YOUR PARENTS' OWN FAULTS THAT THEY WERE KILLED!!
YOUR ANCESTORS OFFERED SACRIFICES TO THE MAGAI
AND REVERED THEM AS "GODS"!!
I HEARD YOU WERE EVEN EDUCATED AS THEIR SUCCESSOR TO THINK THAT IT WAS "THE RIGHT THIHG TO DO"!!
THE MISORA FAMILY WERE MAGAI WORSHIPERS!!

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!
WE'RE TAKING THE SUS-PECT DOWN
ゴキッ…
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO CALL YOURSELF A PRIEST
ヒッ
WITH THAT DEFILED BLOOD FLOWING THROUGH YOU.
IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY?
!!!

AH...
IS HE... REALLY?
NO WAY HE'S STILL A KID!!!
IMHO-TEP.
"IS THAT ALU
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "IS THAT ALU?"
OUR FAMILIES DIED BECAUSE OF YOU GUYS!!
!!...

I'M SORRY!!
IT'S OUR FAULT. ALL OF IT IS.
I TRULY DID SOMETHING WHICH CANNOT BE UNDONE,
WHA-WHAT THE HELL IS UP WITH THIS GUY?
BUT ALLOW ME TO SAY ONE THING.
THE QUALIFICATION FOR A PRIEST IS NOT ONE'S "PAST" NOR IS IT "BLOOD"
IT IS ONE'S "NOBLE SOUL"!!

NOT RUNNING AWAY NO MATTER HOW TOUGH THINGS GET,
PLACING ONE'S LIFE ON THE LINE IN A FIGHT AGAINST THE ENEMY TO SAVE EVERYONE.
THERE'S NO DOUBT HARUGO'S ACTION WERE THAT OF A TRUE PRIEST.
IF YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS
SAY THEM IN FRONT OF ME!!
H-HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
YOU MUST BE INABA.
I HEARD IT FROM HARUGO HE SAID YOU'RE A "COMRADE" WHO ALSO CHOSE THE PATH OF PRIESTHOOD AFTER ONE'S PARENTS WERE KILLED BY THE MAGAI

IF REVENGE IS WHAT YOU WANT,
I'LL TAKE YOU ON AFTER EVERYTHING IS OVER.
HOWEVER, HARUGO HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE MAGAI WORSHIPERS.
I WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU IF YOU TRY AND ATTACK MY FRIEND!
バシバシ
バシバシ
HMPH
YOU FILTH!!
Aaa aah,
Gya aaa
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THE LEVEL OF HATE TOWARDS ME JUST ROSE BECAUSE YOU INTERVENED!
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IT PISSED ME OFF JUST LISTENING TO THEM!!!
WAS IT OKAY TO LET THEM SAY WHAT THEY WANTED?!

DON'T LET THAT BOND GO.
YOU MADE A FRIEND WHO YOU CAN FACE WITH YOUR TRUE FEELINGS.

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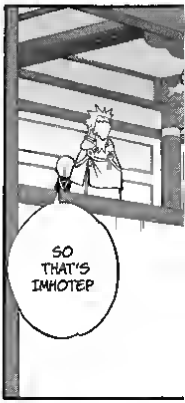
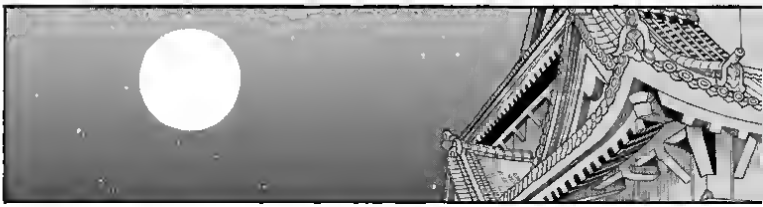
WHERE'S THE EXIT? IF I DON'T GET BACK SOON, "BUDDHA OF ENTERTAINMENT" WILL...
AH! WAIT, HARUGO!
HMPH!!

DON'T FOLLOW ME.
LOOKS LIKE I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.


SO THAT'S IMHOTEP



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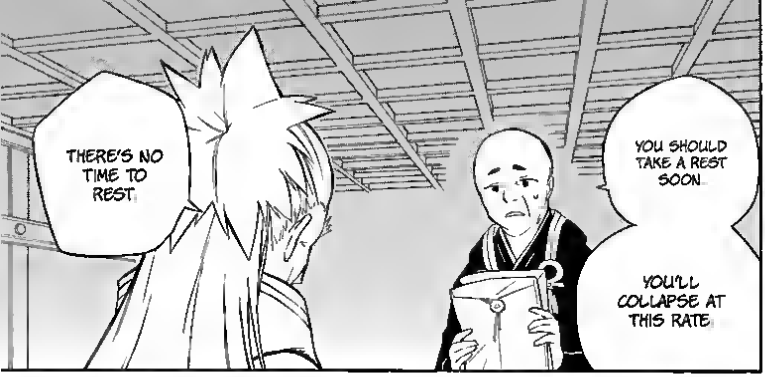
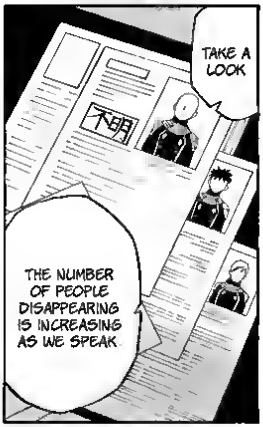
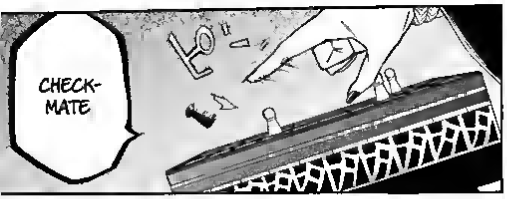

THERE'S NO TIME TO REST.
YOU SHOULD TAKE A REST SOON.
YOU'LL COLLAPSE AT THIS RATE.

DAMN... YEAH, I GUESS I'LL TAKE A SHORT NAP.
BRANCH CHIEF! PLEASE REST!


TAKE A LOOK
THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE DISAPPEARING IS INCREASING AS WE SPEAK.

ARE YOU ALREADY GOING TO SLEEP TODAY?
OH?

WHO ARE YOU?!
HOW DID YOU GET IN?!!


CHECK-MATE

..AAH..
PLEASE, STOP!

YOU !!!

I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A GAME NOW.
PARD-ON ME.

!!!?
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!!
INFILTRATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY SPECIALTY.
WE'RE KIDNAP-PING YOU,
YATA KUROU.
MY NAME IS CLEOPA-TRA.
I'M THE QUEEN OF THE NEW WORLD EMPIRE.

Great priest Imhotep

I'M SORRY!!
I'M SORRY...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE ANYMORE.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I...
HAVE TO GET STRONGER,
SO I CAN PUT HIS MIND AT EASE.

CHAPTER 13 : YOUNG
CROW BROTHERS

Great priest Imhotep

IT'S A DE--
OOOH!!
IT'S A DE-SEEERT!!!

THE HOMELAND OF MY SOUL!!
IMHOTEP-SAMA, IT'S JUST A SAND DUNE.
OUR DESTINATION IS THE PORT WEST OF HERE.
OKAY! LET'S GET GOING!!
AH...
I REALLY THE RIGHT PERSON TO BE THE LEADER OF THIS TEAM?
HYAHOOO!!

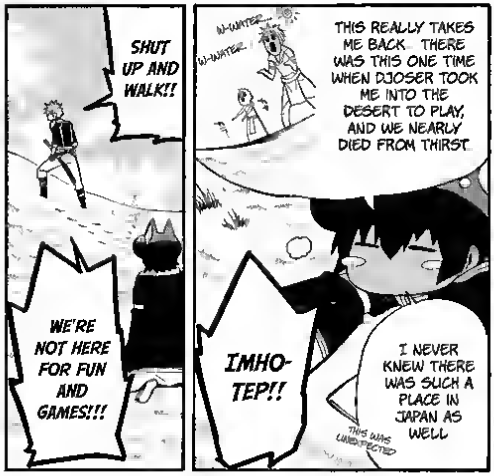
A FEW HOURS EARLIER
AMEN PRIEST ASSOCIATION
JAPANESE BRANCH
LADIES AND GENTLE-MEN,
LAST NIGHT, BRANCH CHIEF YATA KUROU
WAS KIDNA-PPED BY SOMEONE UNKNOWN.
どよ
A CLOSE AIDE OF HIS
RIOUSLY INJURED
AND A NUMBER OF HIS BODYGUARDS ARE MISSING
WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HIS KIDNAPPING IS RELA-TED TO THE MASS DISAPPEARANCES WE ARE EXPERIENCING.

A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN SHOWED UP AND MANIPULATED OUR COMRADES
ALSO BEFORE HE LOST CONCIOUSNESS, HE CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF THEM TAKING THE BRANCH CHIEF AWAY.
WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS FOR CALLING IT A KIDNAPPING AND NOT A DISAPPEARANCE?
ACCORDING TO THE TESTIMONY OF HIS CLOSE KIN,
ONE OF OUR AGENTS TRACKING THE LOCATION OF THE MISSING PERSONS DISCOVERED A SUSPICIOUS LARGE SHIP NEAR PORT SATORI
WE'VE FOUND THE ENEMY'S TRAIL
ALTHOUGH THE INDENTITY OF THIS "WOMAN" IS STILL BETING INVESTIGATED
AS WELL AS HUMANS BEING TAKEN ABOARD THE SHIP ONE AFTER ANOTHER
HE SAW A LARGE NUMBER OF WATCHMEN KEEPING GUARD AROUND THE PORT

IT WAS REPORTED THAT SOME OF THE MISSING PRIESTS WERE SEEN AMONG THEM.
I ORDER YOU TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE CONTROL OF THE LARGE SHIP IN QUESTION THEN PROCEED TO SEARCH AND RESCUE THE BRANCH CHIEF AND ANY MISSING PERSONS!!
RESCUE OUR COMRADES!!
AND IMHOTEP!!
YAGAMI HIMEKO!!
INABA SHIRO!!
MISORA HARUGO!

WAA AAAH !!!

WHAT'S THAT?!!
MU?!
ANCIENT EGYPTIANS WEREN'T VERY ACCUSTOMED TO CAMELS.


SHUT UP AND WALK!!
WE'RE NOT HERE FOR FUN AND GAMES!!!
W-WATER...
W-WATER...
THIS REALLY TAKES ME BACK. THERE WAS THIS ONE TIME WHEN DJOSER TOOK ME INTO THE DESERT TO PLAY, AND WE NEARLY DIED FROM THIRST.
IMHOTEP!!
I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS SUCH A PLACE IN JAPAN AS WELL
THIS WAS UNEXPECTED

THE FOUR MEMBERS MENTIONED WILL BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF THE SAND DUNES WITH LATO AS THEIR TEAM LEADER.
I CAN'T HANDLE THIS!! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL BE ABLE TO TRUDGE OVER MILES OF SAND IN SUCH A TENSE ATMOSPHERE!!
SOMEONE HELP ME!

WHY IS HARUGO SO UPTIGHT?
IT DOESN'T HURT TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN
OH, I FORGOT THAT YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE BRANCH CHIEF, IMHOTEP-SAMA

ALTHOUGH HARU WAS TAKEN INTO THE CARE OF THE PRIEST ASSOCIATION, THE FAMILY HE LOST NEVER RETURNED FORCING HIM INTO SOLITUDE.
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THE "DEEDS OF HIS ANCESTORS" CONTINUED TO CAUSE HARU TO SUFFER BY ALIENATING HIM AT THE PRIEST ASSOCIATION.
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15 YEARS AGO,
THE ONE WHO RESCUED HARU FROM THAT TRAGEDY
WAS BRANCH CHIEF YATA, WHO WAS STILL IN ACTIVE DUTY AT THE TIME.

THAT WAS THE SITUATION SO,
IT WAS BRANCH CHIEF YATA WHO TOOK HARU IN
AND RAISED HIM AS IF HE WERE HIS OWN CHILD.
IT WASN'T ONLY HARU
THE BRANCH CHIEF HAS ALWAYS DEVOTED HIMSELF TO CARING FOR CHILDREN WHO WERE ORPHANED BY THE MAGAI
THAT'S WHY THE BOND BETWEEN HIM AND MANY OF THE YOUTH AND CHILDREN IN OUR BRANCH IS STRONG.

TO HARU, INABA-KUN, AND YAGAMI-SAN
HE'S LIKE A FATHER.
...A FATHER...
...I SEE...
I'M SORRY

I'M SORRY ...
I'M SORRY ...
I WANTED HIM TO PUT HIS MIND AT EASE.
TO SHOW HIM I WASN'T [illegible] ANYMORE.

I HEARD YOU WERE A BIG HELP.
YOU'VE REALLY GOTTEN STRONG, HARUGO!!
SO IT'S ALL RIGHT
I'M SORRY.
I LEFT YOUR FAMILY TO DIE.
WHEN WILL YOU BE ABLE TO FORGIVE YOURSELF?
IF I DON'T BECOME STRONGER,
HIS EMOTIONS WILL DEFINITELY KEEP TORMENTING HIM.

I HAVE TO SAVE HIM.
THIS TIME I'LL BE THE ONE TO SAVE HIM!!
Haah
Haah
!!
WAIT, HARU!!!
Haah
Haah
SLOW DOWN A BIT.
YASAMI-SAN SEEMS TO BE HAVING TROUBLE KEEPING UP

HMPH.
HARU, I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE IN HURRY BUT DON'T LEAVE YOUR FRIENDS BEHIND
THIS IS A MISSON FOR US AS A TEAM, YOU KNOW?
NO... I'M FINE... I CAN GO ON.
!?
YOU!!
IF YOU GUYS CAN'T SEVERE THAT DEADWEIGHT THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO CONTINUE ON MY OWN!
IF WE MATCH HER PACE, WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SAVE THOSE WHO COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED OTHERWISE SHE'S JUST A NUISANCE
THEN LEAVE HER BEHIND

DO YOU THINK YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S SPECIAL?!!
YOU...

THAT MAN IS FATHER TO US AS WELL!!
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN GETTING THE MOST ATTENTION?!!
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO SEES HIM AS A FATHER!! STOP GETTING ALL UPTIGHT, YOU DRAMA QUEEN!!!
YOU GUYS ARE ONLY A BURDEN!!!

INABA-DONO...
STOP IT, HARU!! INABA-KUN!!
ENO-UGH !!!
YOU TWO
ARE BRO-THERS !!!

FROM WHERE I SEE IT, YOU TWO ARE JUST KIDS!!
THERE'S NO POINT IN FIGHTING WITH EACH OTHER WHEN THE PERSON BOTH OF YOU CALL YOUR FATHER IS IN DANGER!
HMPH
AN OUTSIDER SHOULDN'T ACT LIKE THEY KNOW HOW IT FEELS!!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW!
I DON'T... WANT TO...
LOSE MY FATHER FOR A SECOND TIME!!!

YES,
AND THAT'S HOW INABA AND YAGAMI FEEL AS WELL.

I KNOW TOO WELL OF
THE DESPAIR WHICH AWAITS IN THAT CASE.
IF YOU'RE IMPATIENT WHEN TRYING TO SAVE SOMEONE PRECIOUS TO YOU,
IT'LL ONLY CAUSE YOU TO LOSE YOUR CHANCE AT SUCCESS, HARUGO.

TAKE A BETTER LOOK AROUND YOU.
EVEN WHEN YOU'RE IMPATIENT AND LOSE SIGHT OF THINGS,
WE'LL BE HERE TO PUT YOU BACK ON TRACK.
SO DON'T LEAVE US SO FAR BEHIND THAT WE CAN'T REACH YOU

I WON'T ALLOW THEM TO TAKE YOUR FAMILY AWAY FROM YOU AGAIN.

AAAAAAH! DAMMIT!!
HIMEKO!!
EH?!
HOP ON!!!
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LET'S GO!! MISORA!!!
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YOU GOT ANY COMP-LAINTS NOW?!
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WE ALSO WANNA SAVE DAD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!
HIMEKO! THIS IS ONLY TILL YOUR STAMINA RECOVERS, OKAY? AFTER THAT YOU BETTER WALK ON YOUR TWO FEET!
OKAY, THANKS, INABA-DONO
COME ON, LET'S GO!!
I GUESS, I LOST MY COOL AS WELL.
I'M SORRY, YAGAMI.
IT'S OKAY
HEY!! HOW ABOUT ME?!

YEESH. TAKING CARE OF KIDS IS A REAL PAIN.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, IMHOTEP-SAMA.

NOW, THEN.

LET'S GO.

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I'M TIRED...
HARUGO.. PIGGY-BACK..
NO WAY..
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE WERE JUST LECTURED BY THAT THING

THAT MUST BE IT
IMHOTEP-SAMAA! WE'RE GOING!
GET UP AND START WALKING YOU SLOWPOKE
NNNN GH.
DOES HE EVEN HAVE AN OUNCE OF RESPECT FOR ME AT ALL?!
I'VE BEEN A HIGH PRIEST 3000 YEARS LONGER THAN YOU! I'M WAY MORE EXPERIENCED, YOU KNOW?!!
FINE! IF THAT'S HOW YOU WANT IT! YOU'LL REGRET LEAVING THIS GREAT AND MIGHTY MAN BEHIND.
!
SEE! I KNEW YOU'D COME BACK.

OH, MY.
WHAT A CUTE LITTLE BOY WITH SUCH LARGE EYES.

!!?
MU-GUUU UU!
UFUFU! SO CUTE!
SUCH SMOOTH SKIN,
SOFT, BLACK HAIR,
AND CHEEKY EYES.
SO CUTE I'D LIKE HIM TO BECOME MY CHILD!
A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN MANIPULATED OUR COMRADES.
COULD IT BE... A WOMAN?
I DIDN'T SEE THAT WOMAN IN THIS VAST SAND DUNE A MOMENT AGO!!
I MEAN!!
HUH!! WHAT'S WITH THAT LADY?! THOSE BOO-

I MUST COMMEND YOU FOR FINDING YOUR WAY HERE, YOU PUPPETS OF THE GODS.
HOWEVER, I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO INTERFERE WITH MY PLAN.
YOU LOST SHEEP WHO WANDERED INTO THE SNAKE LAIR,
ZZZ...

!!!!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO DIE BY POISON OR BY STRANGLING?

THEY ALL HAVE AN UPSIDE-DOWN ANKH ON THEM
A LOT.
FOR-GET IT.
HARU, HOW MANY ENE-MIES ARE THERE?
THEY'RE MAGAI WORSHI-PERS.
AMEN PRIEST ASSO-CIA-TION!!!
DIE !!!

[NEITH CARPET]!!!
[MIDARE GUMO]!!!
OH!

GYAAAAA!
READY!!
!?

[GET...
WILD]
!!!

I WAS ONLY JEALOUS!!
SHUT UP!! I DIDN'T DO IT FOR YOU!!
YEAH THEY WERE BIG...
UHH...
YOU SAVED ME, INABA.
MY CUTE CHIIILD!!
AAAAHNN.
!!!
[NEITH CARPET]!!

TELL US ALL YOU KNOW.
OTHERWISE I'LL SQUEEZE YOU TO DEATH.
AH!
NOW, GIVE UP.
FU-
FU...
FU
FU
FU
I REMEMBER BEING ROLLED UP IN A CARPET LIKE THIS AND BEING SMUGGLED IN TO MEET CAESAR.
[CAR-PET]...
AAH! THIS IS NOSTALGIC!!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
?
LATO?!!
!!

SO THERE WAS ANOTHER ENEMY IN HIDING.
AND THE WAY THEY HID THEIR PRESENCE. . THEY MUST BE QUITE EXPERIENCED!
NOW MY RESTRAINTS HAVE BEEN REMOVED.
FUFU. THANKS
EH?

NO WAY.
ISN'T IT GREAT?
HE'S MY PRE-CIOUS PET.
WHY ARE YOU...

SED
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Great priest Imhotep

CHAPTER 14 : TRUSTWORTHY PARTNER
WHY ARE YOU...?!
SED !!!

KYA AA-HA-HA-HA-HA!
THIS IS JUST GREAT!
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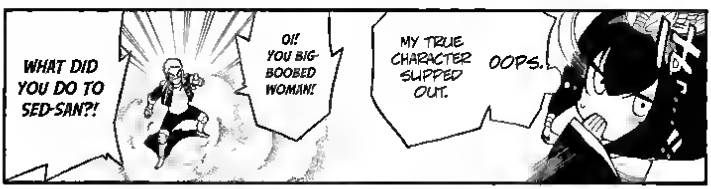
WHAT DID YOU DO TO SED-SAN?!
O! YOU BIG-BOOBED WOMAN!
MY TRUE CHARACTER SLIPPED OUT.
OOPS.
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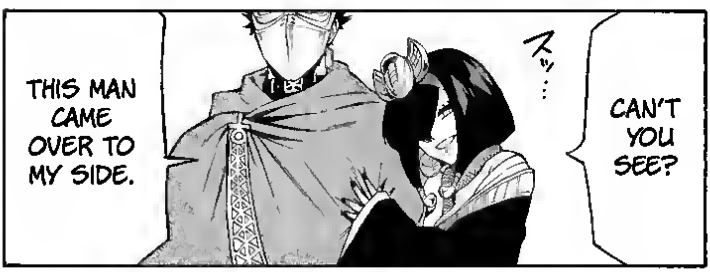
THIS MAN CAME OVER TO MY SIDE.
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CAN'T YOU SEE?

NO, HE DIDN'T
SHE'S USING THE SPELL "MAGIC WORD OF ISIS".

"MAGIC WORD OF ISIS",
IS A BRAINWASHING SPELL WHICH ENABLES THE CASTER TO TAKE CONTROL OF A PERSON'S CONSCIOUSNESS AND ACTIONS ONCE THEY KNOW THE PERSON'S "TRUE NAME". IT'S A FORBIDDEN SPELL FROM ANCIENT EGYPT.

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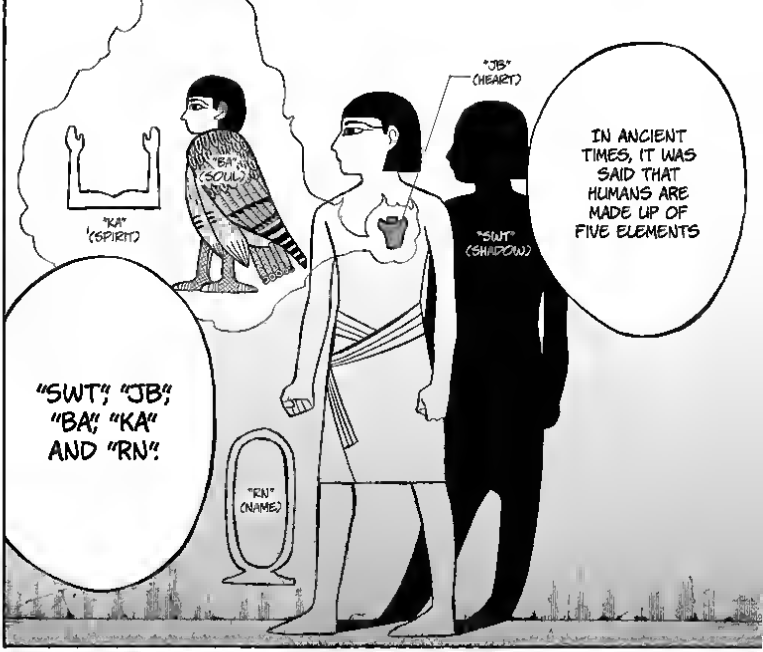
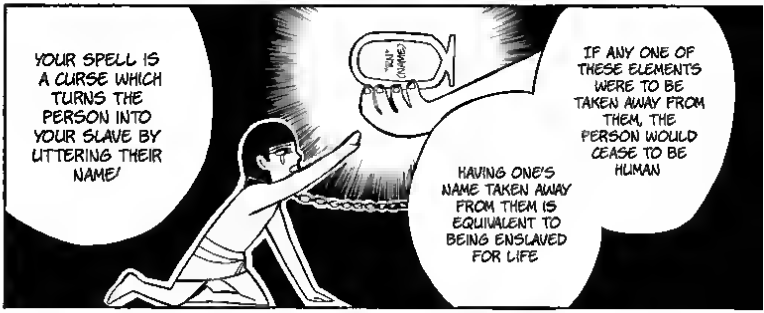
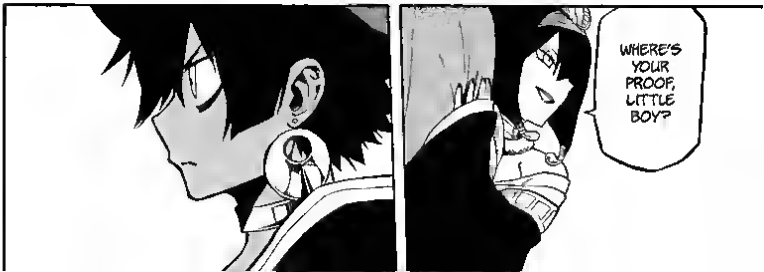

"JB" (HEART)
"BA" (SOUL)
"KA" (SPIRIT)
"SWT" (SHADOW)
"RN" (NAME)
IN ANCIENT TIMES, IT WAS SAID THAT HUMANS ARE MADE UP OF FIVE ELEMENTS
"SWT", "JB", "BA", "KA" AND "RN"!


"RN" (NAME)
YOUR SPELL IS A CURSE WHICH TURNS THE PERSON INTO YOUR SLAVE BY UTTERING THEIR NAME!
IF ANY ONE OF THESE ELEMENTS WERE TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM, THE PERSON WOULD CEASE TO BE HUMAN
HAVING ONE'S NAME TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM IS EQUIVALENT TO BEING ENSLAVED FOR LIFE


WHERE'S YOUR PROOF, LITTLE BOY?

I BELIEVE IN SED.
WITHOUT THAT COWARDLY SPELL OF YOURS, THERE'S NO WAY HE'D BETRAY US!
LISTEN UP, EVERYONE!!
DON'T LET THAT WOMAN FIND OUT YOUR NAME!!

OHO.. COWARDLY..
ARGH, I'M SO NERVOUS I MIGHT LET IT SLIP
HOW ABOUT I SHUT YOU UP BEFORE THAT HAPPENS?
FUFU FU..

AMAZING! YOU'RE CORRECT!
WHAT A CLEVER LITTLE BOY YOU ARE!
YOU'RE JUST LIKE THE LEGENDARY GREAT PRIEST IMHOTEP-SAMA!
HAHAHA-HA! HOW DID YOU GUESS?
THAT'S RIGHT! I AM THE ONE AND ONLY IMHOTEP!!
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ARE YOU AN IDIOT?!!!
?
AH!!
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I'LL JUST FIND OUT IF YOU'RE JOKING OR NOT!
HE'S A KID SMALLER THAN I AM.
NO WAY,
IS THIS LITTLE BOY REALLY...?
YOU BLOCKHEAD!!!
TIE HIM UP WITH YOUR BEADS, HINEKO!!!

SURREN-
DER TO MY
CHARMS!!
"IMHO-
TEP"!!!
NOW
HE'S
MINE
!...
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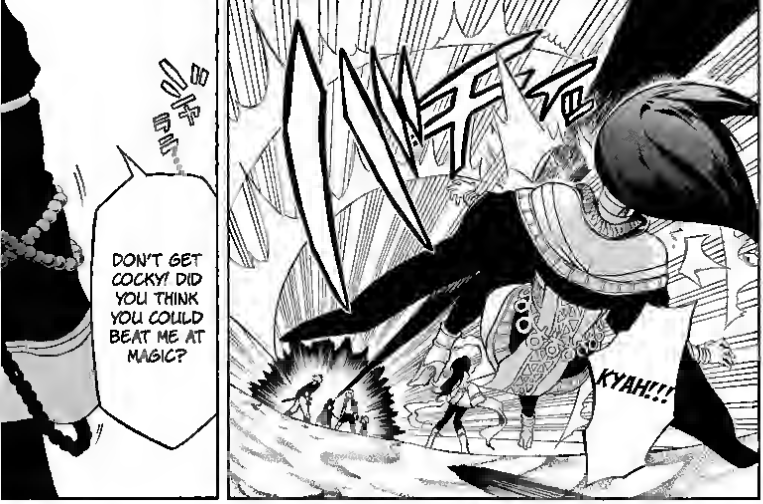
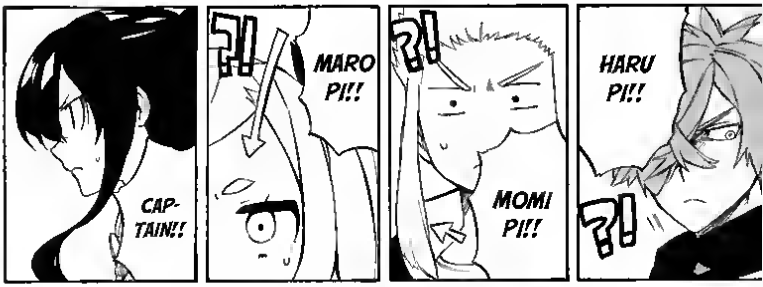

DON'T GET COCKY! DID YOU THINK YOU COULD BEAT ME AT MAGIC?
KYAH!!!

KNOW YOUR PLACE, LITTLE GIRL.

LET'S CALL EACH OTHER BY NICKNAMES SO OUR REAL NAMES WON'T BE FOUND OUT!!
EVEYONE!! LISTEN UP!!
HE'S BETTER THAN I THOUGHT.
WOAAAH!!!


CAP-TAIN!!
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MARO PI!!
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MOMI PI!!
HARU PI!!
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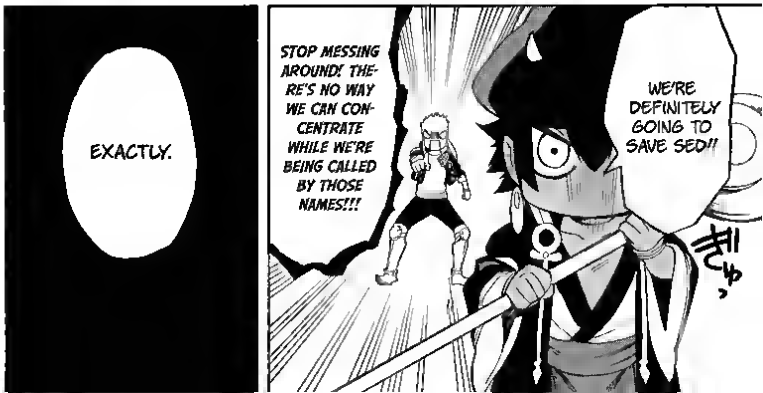
EXACTLY.
STOP MESSING AROUND! THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN CONCENTRATE WHILE WE'RE BEING CALLED BY THOSE NAMES!!!
WE'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO SAVE SED!!
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TWO DOWN.
DON'T WORRY, YOUR NAMES NEVER MATTERED FROM THE START
I ONLY WANT STRONG MEN
WEAK MEN, LET ALONE WOMEN, ARE NOT FIT TO BE MY SERVANTS
BUT IMHOTEP IS SPECIAL.

HURRY UP AND DIE ACCORDING TO MY PLANS!!
[NEITH CARPET]!!!

YOU TWO, DEAL WITH THAT WOMAN!! I'LL HANDLE SED!
CAP-TAIN!!
YOU BETTER NOT HAVE ANY COMP-LAINTS, PARTNER!!

KYAHAHA-HAHAHA!
ALLIES FIGHTING EACH OTHER! WHAT FUN!
GOTCHA !!!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ONLY BEAUTI-FUL ON THE OUT-SIDE!
YOU'RE FULL OF OPENINGS YOU SHITTY WOMAN!!

HA?! WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?!
A SCIMITAR?!
DON'T TAKE ME LIGHTLY, YOUNGSTERS.
!?

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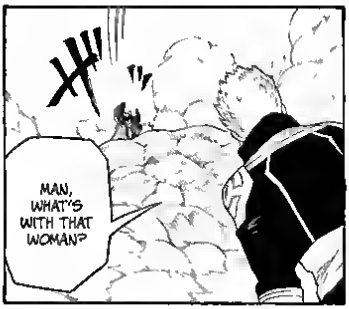
I'VE GOT HER TRA-PPED!!
STAY PUT IN THERE!!
THERE'S STILL A LOT I WANT TO ASK YOU!
I'M FINE
WANT ME TO HEAL YOU?
LIAR
WHAT'S NEXT? YOU'RE GONNA GET THIS WOMAN TO RELEASE SED FROM HER BRAINWASHING, RIGHT?

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE USELESS AT ANYTHING BUT MAGIC.

WHAT?!


MAN, WHAT'S WITH THAT WOMAN?

MASTERING SWORDSMANSHIP AND DANCING IS NATURAL FOR A WOMAN OF HIGH SOCIETY
SHE'S STRONG EVEN ON HER OWN!!
IT SEEMS LIKE THE PARTY IS HEATING UP OVER THERE AS WELL
SED!! OPEN YOUR EYES!!
SED!!

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CAP-
TAIN!!
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HOW
UNSI-
GHTLY.
NGH!
UWAH!!!

COULD IT BE THAT IT'S THIS MAN YOU CALL SED?
YOU, DO YOU HAVE A PERSON YOU LOVE?
!!!
AHA-HAHA-HA!!
HOW DOES IT FEEL?! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE YOUR LOVED-ONE SNATCHED AWAY FROM YOU?!
HOW DOES IT FEEL WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE TURNS HIS SWORD ON YOU?!
NOW SUFFER IN SORROW! I WANT TO SEE HOW UGLY THE FACE OF A WOMAN WRITHING IN GRIEF IS!!
THE INHUMANITY! THE HORROR! SUFFER IN THE AGONY OF HAVING TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH WITH YOUR BELOVED!!

!?
DAM-
MIT!!
HEY?!
I'LL HEAL YOU QUICKLY.
DON'T TRY ANYTHING RECKLESS WITH THAT RIGHT ARM!
ENOUGH OF THIS.
SED!
HER PART-
NER?!!!
AREN'T YOU

GOOD LUCK WITH THE PURSUIT MISSION
I'M SURE WE'LL FIND THE BRANCH CHIEF
FOR THE SAKE OF HARU AND HIS FRIENDS.

WHAT A PATHETIC WOMAN
BETRATED BY YOUR LOVED ONE,
YOUR SUBORDINATES ARE ALL USELESS MORONS,
IT'S AS IF I AM LOOKING AT MYSELF WHEN I WAS STILL ALIVE! IT PISSES ME OFF!!

!!
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG.
SED AND I ARE NOT LOVERS.
WE MADE A PROMISE MORE IMPORTANT THAN PLEDGING OUR FUTURES TO EACH OTHER

IF EITHER ONE OF US WERE TO BECOME A THREAT TO HIM... WHEN THAT HAPPENS
HE'S A HOPELESS GUY, BUT THE TWO OF US PLEDGED TO PROTECT HIM TOGETHER.
THERE'S A PERSON WE WANT TO PROTECT.
BUT WE'RE MORE THAN PREPARED FOR IT.
YOU TOLD US TO WRITHE IN AGONY,
THAT IS THE PROMISE I MADE WITH SED!!
"WE WILL ELIMINATE ALL HIS ENEMIES EVEN IF THAT PERSON IS A FORMER PARTNER!!"

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RIGHT NOW, I'VE SURROUNDED BOTH OF YOU WITH THREADS OF WATER SO THIN THEY'RE INVISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE.
EACH THREAD OF WATER IS AS SHARP AS A RAZOR.
[NEITH DRESS]!!!
THE INSTANT YOU TOUCH THEM YOU'LL BE SLICED TO BITS, DYEING YOUR CLOTHES AN ELEGANT RED.
THAT IS [NEITH DRESS]

HAH!
YOU MUST BE JOKING...
!?
ARE... YOU SERI-OUS?!
ISN'T HE YOUR PARTNER?!

GET IN THE WAY OF THESE CHIL-DREN!!
I WON'T LET A WOM-AN LIKE YOU
IF WE DON'T DEFEAT YOU, WE CAN'T MOVE FORWARD.
EVEN IF IT MEANS DIRTYING MY HANDS WITH THE BLOOD OF MY FRIEND, I'LL FORGE OPEN THAT PATH.
DON'T BE HASTY!!
STOP IT!!
BUT...
LATO-SAN!!
CAP-TAIN!!
STOP!!

DRES-
[NEITH...
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FU, FU FU.
WHAT A PITY,

"LATO"

LATO-SAN!!
WH-WHAT'S WRONG, CAPTAIN?!
I'M GRATEFUL, LITTLE GIRL.
OH, NO..
NOW, COME TO ME, "LATO".
FAREWELL.
LATOOO!!!

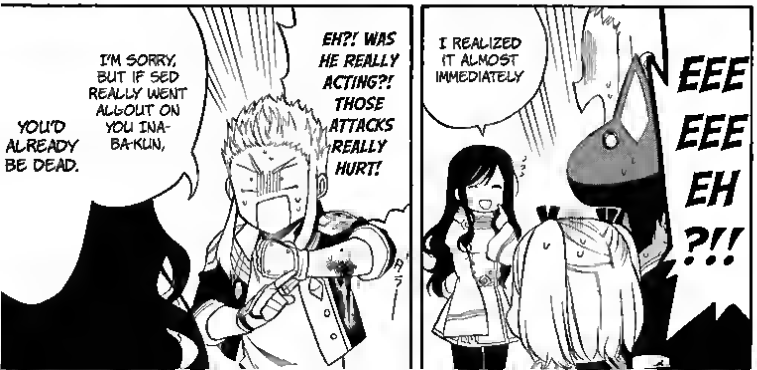
YES.
FARE-
WELL.

?
AH! SED!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU.
THIS WOMAN'S BODY WAS MADE OUT OF SOIL, JUST LIKE DJOSER'S
!!
EH? SOIL?! W-WAIT A SEC!!
WHAT HAPPENED TO SED-SAN?
AND CAPTAIN, WEREN'T YOU UNDER HER CONTROL?!

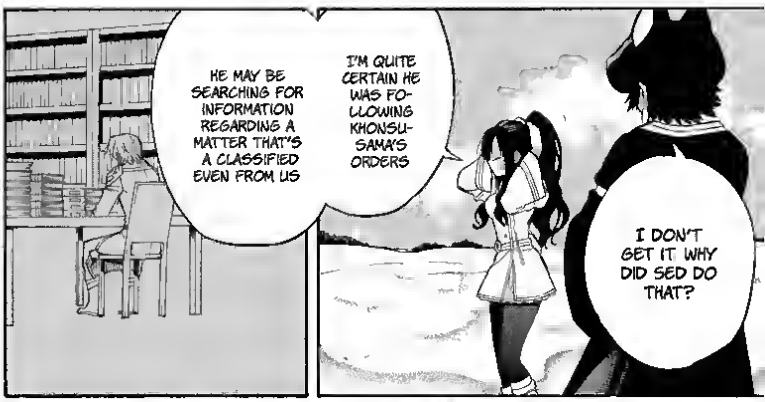
IT'S A PSEU-DONYM
MY NAME.
THE EXISTENCE OF CURSES UTILI-ZING A PERSON'S "NAME" HAS BEEN A KNOWN FACT SINCE ANCIENT TIMES
THEN SED WAS...
HAAH?!
THE SAME GOES FOR "SED".
ISN'T IT BE-AUTI-FUL?
I TOOK THE NAME "KHONSU" FROM THE MOON GOD.
MYSELF, SED, AND "KHONSU"-SAMA AS WELL.
WHICH IS WHY THERE ARE THOSE AMONG THE PRIESTS WHO GIVE UP THEIR NAME ON PURPOSE AND TAKE A PSEU-DONYM.

BUT THANKS TO IMHOTEP-SAMA, I WAS REASSURED
I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I PANICKED AT FIRST BECAUSE THERE WAS NO WAY SED COULD BE CONTROLLED USING HIS "NAME"

SED
WAS ONLY ACTING AS IF HE WAS UNDER HER CONTROL ON PURPOSE.


I'M SORRY, BUT IF SED REALLY WENT ALL-OUT ON YOU INA-BA-KUN,
YOU'D ALREADY BE DEAD.
EH?! WAS HE REALLY ACTING?! THOSE ATTACKS REALLY HURT!
I REALIZED IT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY
EEE EEE EH ?!!

"SOIL"
"THAT WOMAN"
WHAT'S MORE,
THE ONE WHO TOLD ME THAT WOMAN WAS A CLAY PUPPET WAS SED.

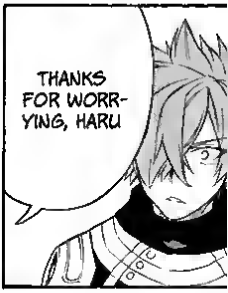

HE MAY BE SEARCHING FOR INFORMATION REGARDING A MATTER THAT'S A CLASSIFIED EVEN FROM US
I'M QUITE CERTAIN HE WAS FOLLOWING KHONSU-SAMA'S ORDERS
I DON'T GET IT WHY DID SED DO THAT?

I'M REALLY SORRY.
HE KEPT IT A SECRET ON PURPOSE, WHICH RESULTED IN ALL OF YOU GETTING INJURED
TO ENSURE SED'S MISSION WOULDN'T BE COMPROMISED,

AAH.
THAT WAS JUST PAYBACK.
HE KICKED A MAIDEN'S FACE
.....
AH, I SEE! SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS!
THOUGHT YOU WERE REALLY GONNA KILL HIM, CAPTAIN! I NEARLY FREAKED OUT!
BLOOD CAME GUSHING OUT OF HIS ARM!
COME ON!
LET'S HEAD..
I'M SURPRISED YOU BELIEVED HIM.
SED ATTACKED US WITHOUT HESITATION.
EVEN WHEN YOU WERE BEING KICKED,
HE DIDN'T TRY TO HELP YOU, YOU KNOW?!

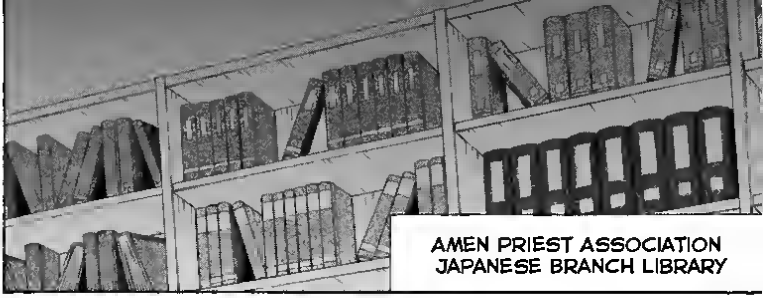
THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S MY PARTNER!

LET'S MOVE ON! GOOOO!
ALL RIGHT! THE PATH IS CLEAR NOW!


THANKS FOR WORR-YING, HARU

ARE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO CALL OUR-SELVES A TEAM.
THOUGH OUR BONDS

I SURE AM GRATEFUL
THAT WE HAVE A WOMAN AS COOL AS HER
AS OUR CAPTAIN
YEP NO DOUBT.
YES.
YEAH...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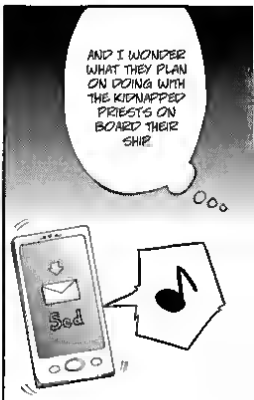
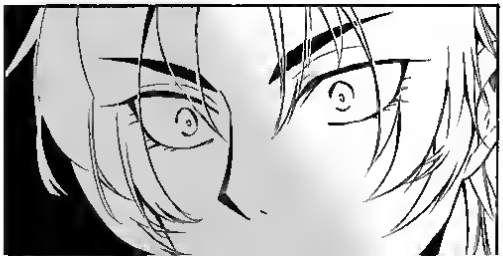
LONG AGO HE USED TO BE STRONG BUT NOW HE'S JUST A WEAK OLD GEEZER...
WHY DID THE ENEMY KIDNAP THE BRANCH CHIEF.
HMMM...

DID HE MANAGE TO RETRIEVE THE INFORMATION I WAS LOOKING FOR?
!!
SED!!


AND I WONDER WHAT THEY PLAN ON DOING WITH THE KIDNAPPED PRIESTS ON BOARD THEIR SHIP.
Sed

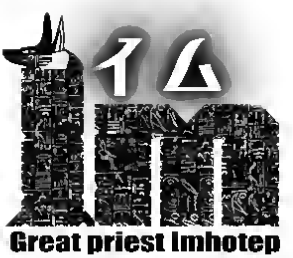


WE DON'T KNOW WHO TO TRUST ANYMORE
WELL, ONE THING'S FOR SURE.
WE CAN'T TRUST HIGH PRIEST KHONSU.
HE'S UNDER SUSPICION OF BEING A SPY FROM HEADQUARTERS, AFTER AL
WE MUST MAKE SURE AT ALL COSTS
THAT KHONSU DOESN'T FIND OUT ABOUT THE MATTER IN QUESTION!!

KHONSU-DONO?!
THIS ISN'T A MEETING FOR YOU TO ATTEND! PLEASE TAKE YOUR LEAVE!
Excuse Meeee!
AWWW! IT'S NOT NICE TO LEAVE ME OUT OF THE FUN!
I CAN BE OF SOME USE TO YOU GUYS! LET'S WORK TOGETHER!
AH!
OR IS IT A TOPIC YOU DON'T WANT ME TO KNOW ABOUT?

PLEASE LEAVE AT ONCE!
DON'T TOUCH ME WITHOUT MY CONSENT.
HEY, GUYS,
WE DON'T KNOW HIS REAL NAME, HIS DESCENT OR HIS PERSONAL BACKGROUND.
HIGH PRIEST KHONSU.
EEK?!
DO YOU MIND TELLING ME SOMETHING?
JUST WHO ON EARTH IS HE?

WHAT'S A THING LIKE THIS DOING IN BRANCH CHIEF YATA'S BODY?
YATA KUROU
REBORN
WHAT IS IT YOU'RE HIDING?
PLEASE ANSWER MY QUESTION BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE
PLACE
MISORA SHRINE
DEAD
MISORA HARUAKI
ALIVE
MISORA HARUMA


Great priest Imhotep

WE'VE SAFELY ARRIVED AT THE PORT,

BUT WHY ISN'T THERE ANYONE HERE?!
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WOAH! RELAX, DUDE!!
THEY'VE FINALLY SHOWED UP!! BRING IT ON YOU MAGAI WORSHIPERS!!
HM? YOU'RE...
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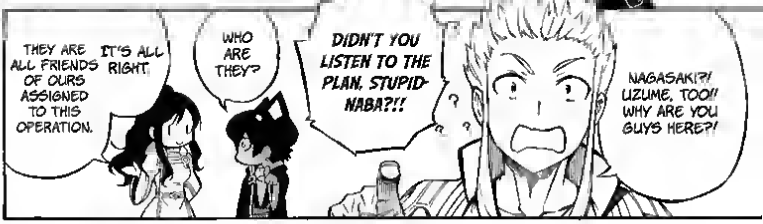
THANKS FOR YOUR WORK, SAND DUNE TEAM.
INABA?
INABA! GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE SAFE!!
YOU GUYS WERE SO SLOW I NEARLY FELL ASLEEP
ARE YOU OKAY, YAGAMI-CHAN?


THEY ARE ALL FRIENDS OF OURS ASSIGNED TO THIS OPERATION.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
WHO ARE THEY?
DIDN'T YOU LISTEN TO THE PLAN, STUPID-NABA?!!
NAGASAKI?! UZUME, TOO!! WHY ARE YOU GUYS HERE?!

THEY'RE SIBLINGS TIED TOGETHER BY A STRONG BOND
AND ARE MADE UP OF CHILDREN WHO WERE RAISED BY BRANCH CHIEF YATA, JUST LIKE HARU, INABA-KUN AND YAGAMI-SAN.
THEY'RE CALLED "CHILDREN OF THE CROW"

NICE TO MEET YOU
THAT SHORTY IS IMHOTEP,
AND THE ONE NEXT TO HIM IS OUR CAPTAIN, LATO
INABA, IS THAT KID...
YEP!
BY "LATO?" YOU MEAN MISORA'S EXTEA-CHER?!
THE ONE WHO PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT AGAINST THE MAGAI KING?!
SHE'S A SUPER ELITE FROM HQ, ISN'T SHE?!
I HEARD SHE'S A SADIST
WE WERE EX-PECTING SO-MEONE MORE LIKE MAD MAX!!!
UNEXPECTED DAMAGE TO HER IMAGE!!!
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.....!!!
HEHEH SOMETHING REALLY INTE-RESTING HA-PPENED ON THE WAY HERE!
PFEHEHE!
YOU OKAY, YAGAMI?
YEAH, YOU DON'T HAVE A LOT OF STAMINA.

YOU'RE ALL HOLDING ME BACK!!
WA AA H!!
SITTING ON HIS ASS.
MAYBE I SHOULD SPILL THE BEANS ON HOW LAME YOU WERE EARLIER.
INABA-DONO..
MISORA!!
YOU NEVER GET BORED OF IT DO YOU, INABA?
TCH
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT QUITE WELL FROM YOUR DAYS AS A KID WITH HIM.
MISORA DOESN'T INVOLVE HIMSELF IN STUFF LIKE THIS
EH.. WELL..
I'M TIRED OF STOPPING YOU WHEN YOU'RE MAD BECAUSE HE IGNORED YOU.
JUST LEAVE THAT GUY ALONE

DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE IN THE SAME TEAM.
HIS LONE-WOLF ATTITUDE WILL NEVER CHANGE EVEN WHEN HE'S AN ADULT
TOLD YA?
HURRY UP AND TAKE THESE GUYS TO YOUR LEADER
HEY! ENOUGH IDLE TALK!
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...Y-YEAH.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.
MY NAME IS OMOIGANE I'M THE ON- SITE COMMANDER OF THIS OPERATION.
AMEN PRIEST ASSOCIATION JAPANESE BRANCH "CHILDREN OF THE CROW" CAPTAIN / HIGH PRIEST OMOIGANE
YES. I'LL EXPLAIN THE DETAILS FIRST.
HAVE A SEAT.
YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM THE LONG WALK.
I'M LATE.
MY APOLOGIES FOR THE WAIT.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
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NGGH?!
I'M IMHOTEP NICE MEETING YOU.
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SPEAK TO ME WITH MORE RESPECT, DAMMIT!!!

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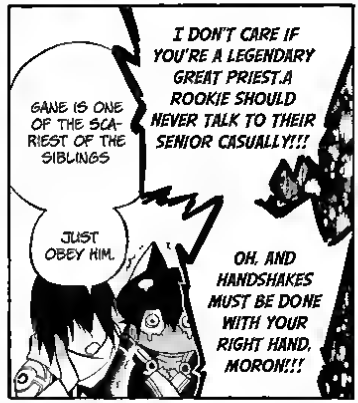
IMHO-TEP,
I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOUR PAST


I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE A LEGENDARY GREAT PRIEST.A ROOKIE SHOULD NEVER TALK TO THEIR SENIOR CASUALLY!!!
GANE IS ONE OF THE SCA-RIEST OF THE SIBLINGS
JUST OBEY HIM.
OH, AND HANDSHAKES MUST BE DONE WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND, MORON!!!

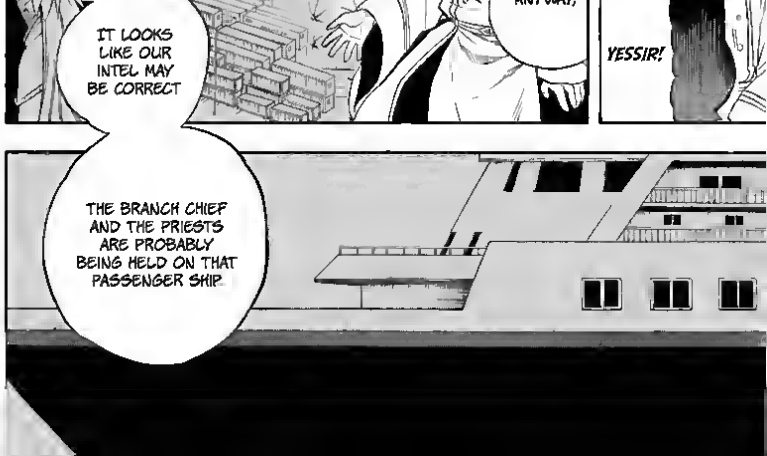
AS WELL AS HOW YOU BROUGHT THE MAGAI TO EXISTENCE...
AND YOUR VOW TO DEFEAT YOUR BEST FRIEND, THE MAGAI KING.

NEVERTHELESS, WE DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN TRULY TRUST YOU,
SO PERMIT US TO KEEP WATCH OVER YOU AT ALL TIMES.
SURE

PLEASE, HELP US SAVE OUR FATHER

HOWEVER, WE FAILED TO FIND EITHER THE BRANCH CHIEF OR THE MISSING PRIESTS
WE'VE ALREADY CARRIED OUT A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE PERIMETER OF PORT SUNATORI
IT LOOKS LIKE OUR INTEL MAY BE CORRECT
ANYWAY,

PARDON?
YESSIR!


THE BRANCH CHIEF AND THE PRIESTS ARE PROBABLY BEING HELD ON THAT PASSENGER SHIP.

I'M NOT SURE HOW TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU.
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SIR?
IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THERE WERE ANY GUARDS AT THE PORT,
BUT, WHY?
THE WATCHMEN
WERE ALL SOIL.
..JUST LIKE THAT WOMAN?
THEY TURNED INTO SOIL AND CRUMBLED AWAY
BUT THE SECOND THEY WERE WOUNDED IN A FIGHT,
AT FIRST, WE THOUGHT THEY WERE HUMAN,
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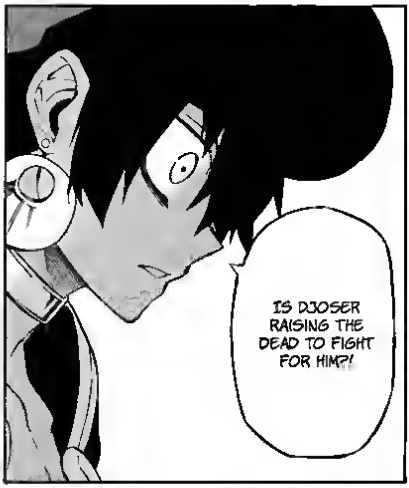
SHE WAS ALSO A DOLL MADE OUT OF SOIL

WHAT?!
WE ALSO FACED SOMEONE FROM THE MAGAI WORSHIPERS IN THE SAND DUNES
SHE WAS A WOMAN WHO USED BRAINWASHING SPELLS


IS DJOSER RAISING THE DEAD TO FIGHT FOR HIM?!

IT'S AS IF I WAS LOOKING AT MYSELF WHEN I WAS STILL ALIVE! IT PISSES ME OFF!!
DON'T TELL ME...

A BODY JUST LIKE DJOSER'S...

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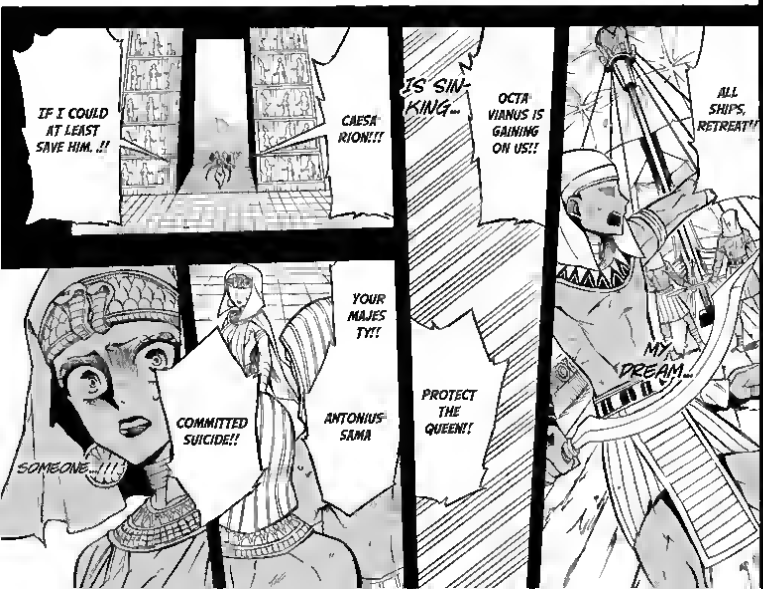
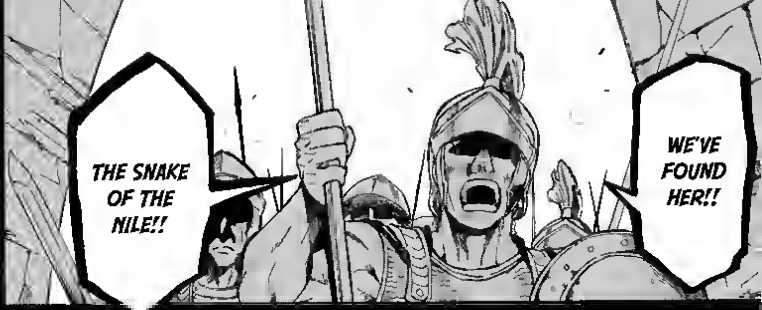
BE CAREFUL
THAT WOMAN MIGHT APPEAR AGAIN!!
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?

IS SINKING...

...THE SHIP





HELP ME!!!

GET THIS SNAKE TO BITE YOU.
AND I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE
CREATE YOUR WORLD EMPIRE IN THAT NEW WORLD.
CAESAR...
ANTONIUS...
CAESARION...
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I'M, ON A SHIP..?! OH, RIGHT. I WAS DEFEATED AT THE SAND DUNES!!
GRR! THAT LITTLE GIRL!!
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!?
HERE WE GO
HOT HOT!
OOPS
CLEOPATRAA! HOW'S IT GOING?
I'VE BROUGHT YOU SOME FOOD! IT'S YOU'RE FAVO-RITE, MOLOKHIA S-
!
WHAT IS IT, KING DJOSER?
I'M SORRY !!!

DON'T YOU THINK THE WAY YOU'RE USING THAT BODY IS A LITTLE WASTEFUL?
CLEOPATRA.
HM?
JUST VISITING.

IN ORDER TO ATTACH OUR SOULS TO THESE CLAY DOLLS, WE NEED "CORES."
THEY CAN BE ITEMS SUCH AS BONES, FOR EXAMPLE, OR MEMENTOS. YOU KNOW, SOMETHING THE DECEASED USED TO HOLD DEARLY IN THIS WORLD
THERE USED TO BE A LOT OF THEM.
THIS BODY IS PRETTY HANDY, BUT ONCE THE "CORE" IS DESTROYED IT'S ALL OVER. GOT IT?

BUT I'M AFRAID TO SAY...
THOSE "BONES" IN YOU ARE ALL THAT'S LEFT.

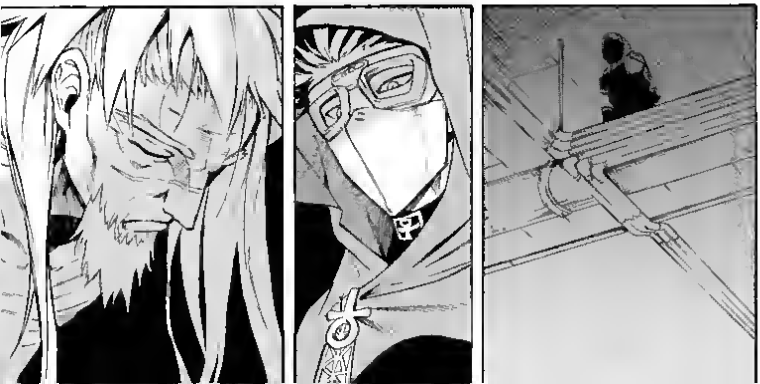
I KNOW THAT!
DID YOU COME ALL THE WAY HERE TO LECTURE ME?!
UNFORTUNATELY THEY WERE DEFEATED IN A FLASH BY THE PRIESTS
I EVEN WENT THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF RE-ASSURECTING YOUR SOLDIERS, TOO
YOUR "DREAM".. DO YOU WANT TO MAKE IT COME TRUE?
.....!!
BY THE GODS..
AND THE AMEN PRIEST ASSOCIATION.
WE'RE VERY SIMILAR
OUR "DREAMS" WERE TAKEN FROM US WHEN WE WERE ALIVE

I'M ROOTING FOR YOU, CLEOPATRA.

THEN WHY WON'T YOU STEP UP TO BE THE RULER? WHY ARE YOU YIELDING THRONE TO ME?
YOU SAID YOU'D RE-CREATE THE WORLD.
DJOSER,
ANYWAY, I'M HEADING BACK NOW!

LATER!
BECAUSE THAT'S NOT THE "DREAM" I'M AIMING FOR.
WHAT A LAID-BACK KID
LET US AVENGE THE DEATHS OF MY DECEASED HUSBANDS AND CHILD WITH THE BLOOD OF THOSE PUPPETS OF THE GODS!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TO DO IT. I'LL DEFINITELY ACHIEVE MY GOAL!

JUST WAIT AND SEE...!!



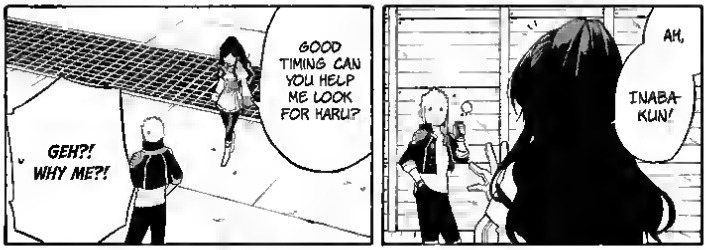
IT'S ALMOST TIME TO ASSEMBLE.
WHERE ARE THEY?

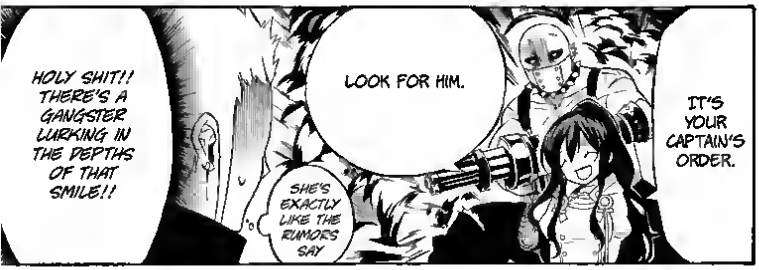
I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF SOMETHING COMES UP.
THANK YOU

A SPELL YOU DEVISED, IMHOTEP-SAMA?!

IN ORDER TO LIKEN THE CLAY DOLL TO THE ACTUAL PERSON, A MEMENTO WITH THEIR SOUL TRANSPLANTED INTO IT WAS PLACED INSIDE
IT'S A SECRET SPELL KNOWN ONLY TO THE INNER CIRCLES OF THE PRIEST ASSOCIATION
ORIGINALLY, IT WAS A SPELL CREATED FOR HOLDING FUNERALS FOR THOSE WHO DIED AT SEA
YOU CAN'T HOLD A FUNERAL WITHOUT A BODY, AFTER ALL

BUT DJOSER SAID HE WAS WAITING FOR THREE THOUSAND YEARS
IF THAT'S REALLY THE CASE, WHEN DID SPIES START INFILTRATING OUR RANKS?!
THAT WOULD MEAN IT WAS LEAKED BY ONE OUR ALLIES AT THE PRIEST ASSOCIATION
IF THE MAGAI WORSHIPERS TRULY ARE USING A MODIFIED VERSON OF THE SPELL,


GOOD TIMING CAN YOU HELP ME LOOK FOR HARU?
GEH?! WHY ME?!
AH, INABA-KUN!


HOLY SHIT!! THERE'S A GANGSTER LURKING IN THE DEPTHS OF THAT SMILE!!
SHE'S EXACTLY LIKE THE RUMORS SAY
LOOK FOR HIM.
IT'S YOUR CAPTAIN'S ORDER.

LEAVE THAT GUY ALONE.
HIS LONE-WOLF ATTITUDE WILL NEVER CHANGE, EVEN WHEN HE'S AN ADULT.

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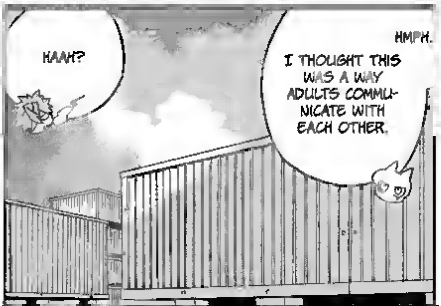
EXCUSE ME.

AAA AAA AAA AH!
KID'S SHOULDN'T SMOKE

WHAT DO YOU WANT? AND WHAT'S THAT?
WATER TABACCO.
IT WAS IN THE OFFICE.


HAAH?
I THOUGHT THIS WAS A WAY ADULTS COMMU-NICATE WITH EACH OTHER.
HMPH.

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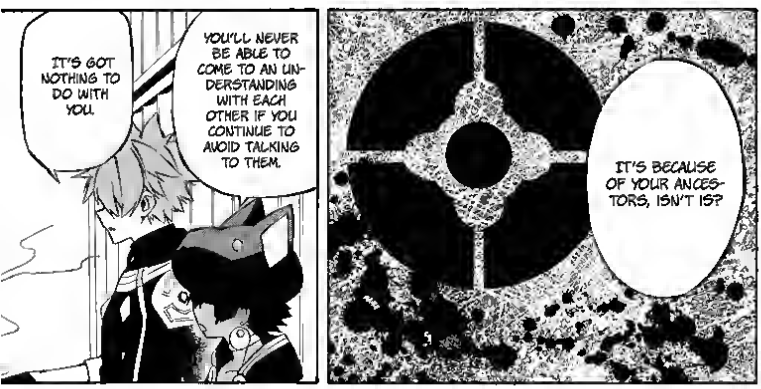
WHY ARE YOU AVOIDING YOUR FRIENDS?

CAN'T YOU SEE?
THEY'RE AVOIDING ME, TOO.
I HEARD FROM LATO,
THAT THERE'S A REASON WHY YOU CHOOSE TO BE ALONE.


IT'S BECAUSE OF YOUR ANCESTORS, ISN'T IS?
YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING WITH EACH OTHER IF YOU CONTINUE TO AVOID TALKING TO THEM.
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

I GUESS YOU'RE A COWARD AS WELL.
YOU'RE A COWARD WHO DOESN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO FACE YOUR FRIENDS
SHUT UP!
JUST TELL IT TO THEM STRAIGHT.
SAY THAT YOUR ANCESTORS WEREN'T MAGAI WORSHIPERS,
AND THAT YOU WANT TO BE WITH THEM.
YOU'RE JUST DOING THIS TO RELIEVE YOURSELF FROM GUILT.
LEMME GUESS, YOU PROBABLY THINK IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT I'M ALL ALONE.

DON'T GET COCKY JUST BECAUSE WE'RE A TEAM.
IT MAKES ME IRRITATED JUST SEEING YOU
THIS IS MY PROBLEM!!
IF YOU WANNA FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF, GO TALK TO SOMEONE ELSE.
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR EFFORT HERE
THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO WAY IN HELL YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE ME
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YOU IDIOOOOOOT!!!
I'M HONESTLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
YOU JERK
LEARNT FROM DJOSER~
FLYING KICK
WHY DON'T YOU SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE SHUT UP IN A DARK ROOM AND BROOD IN THE CORNER WEARING A STRANGE MASK OR SOMETHING!!
HARUGO, YOU IDIOT!!
WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?
HE'S NOISY.
THEN GO AWAY.
YOU CAN CRY IN SOLITUDE AS YOU KEEP TELLING YOURSELF "IT'S MORE COMFORTABLE BEING ALONE" FOR ALL I CARE!!!

EVEN SO, I STILL WANT TO HELP YOU!!
EVEN IF I HAVE TO USE FORCE!
WHICH IS WHY I'LL BRING YOU OUT TO THE LIGHT OF DAY
I'LL PEEL OFF THAT STEEL MASK OF YOURS!

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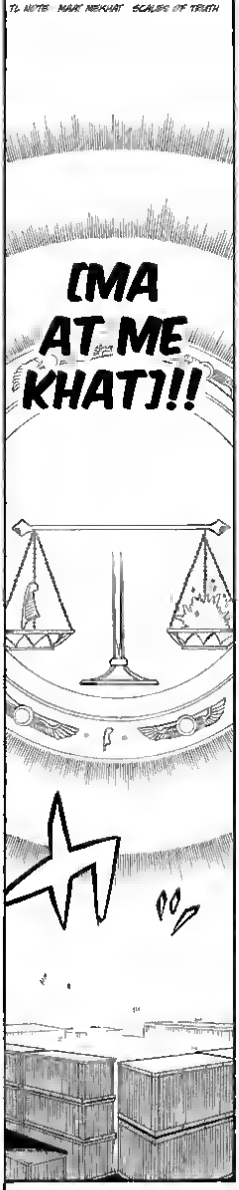
OI!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME?!


[MA AT ME KHAT]!!

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[MA-AT ME KHAT]
A MAGIC SPELL WHICH MAKES THE KA WHICH RESIDES IN YOUR SOUL REVEAL YOUR TRUE FEELINGS.

GODDESS OF JUSTICE AND ORDER, REVEAL THE TRUTH WITH THESE WORDS I UTTER!

BY THE WAY, WHEN THE SPELL IS IN EFFECT,
LONG AGO, I USED TO USE IT TO JUDGE CRIMINALS.
YOU CAN TRY TO LIE, BUT YOUR SOUL CAN'T.
YOU'LL BE TRANSFORMED INTO AN APPEARANCE WHICH MATCHES YOUR TRUE FEELINGS!
I WON'T LIFT THE SPELL 'TIL YOU'RE HONEST WITH YOURSELF! PANIC TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!
HAHAHA!
IDIOT!! DISPEL IT RIGHT NOW!!
YOU ASSHOLE!!
WOAH!
...
!!?

IF THAT IDIOT SEES ME...
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW SERIOUS THE SITUATION IS RIGHT NOW?!
HOW COULD YOU DO SOMETHING SO IM-MATURE!!
STOP!! YOUR ARM!! YOUR ARM IS SHAKING!!!
I JUST CAME TO CALL YOU BECAUSE IT'S TIME TO ASSEMBLE!!
STOP IT YOU ASSHOLES!! I'LL KILL YOU!!!
GOOD IDEA!
BUT BEFORE THAT, LET'S SHOW THIS TO EVERYONE!!
OHO, I SEE.
YEAH IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO HEAR HIS TRUE FEELINGS.
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANT?
HAAH?!
AWW, WHYYY? EVERYONE MIGHT EVEN POKE FUN AT YOU IF THEY SEE YOU LIKE THIS.

THERE'S NO REAL NEED TO SPELL IT OUT. IT WAS PRETTY OBVIOUS, ANYWAY.
YOU WANTED TO JOIN US, DIDN'T YOU?
EVERYONE TRIED MANY TIMES TO INVITE YOU TO PLAY TOGETHER,
BUT YOU JUST KEPT TURNING US DOWN.
YOU ALWAYS REFUSED OUR KINDNESS.
I'VE ALWAYS HATED THAT ATTITUDE OF YOURS!!
IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT THAT YOU'RE ISOLATED FROM EVERYONE!!
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YOU GUYS WERE JUST SHOWING ME PITY, WEREN'T YOU?!
KIND NESS?!
YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG!

I'D RATHER BE ON MY OWN!!
IF HAD TO JOIN A GROUP OF IGNORANT MORONS.
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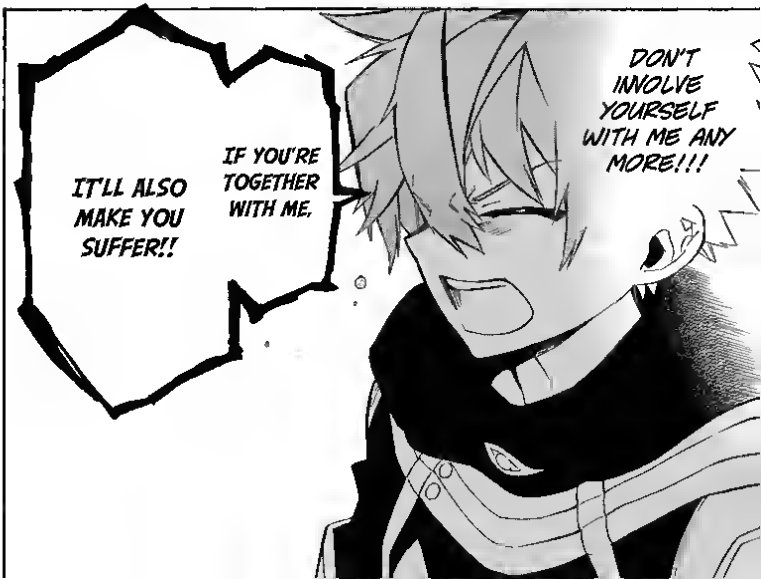
I KNEW IT. AND THATS WHY I DISTANCED MYSELF.


IT'LL ALSO MAKE YOU SUFFER!!
IF YOU'RE TOGETHER WITH ME,
DON'T INVOLVE YOURSELF WITH ME ANY MORE!!!

WHAT... DID I...
...HUH?
WHAT'S THAT YOU..
YOU SAID IT, YOURSELF.
...YEAH...
"THE MISORA FAMILY ARE A GROUP OF MAGAI WORSHIPERS"
NO MATTER HOW HARD I DENY IT. EVERYONE LOOKS AT ME WITH HATRED.
I JUST WANTED TO PROVE MYSELF.
THAT'S WHY I IMMERSED MYSELF IN RELENTLESS TRAINING.
THIS SUCKS.

...A TARNISHED IMAGE WILL NEVER CHANGE...
ON THE CONTRARY, THEIR NUMBERS INCREASED THE STRONGER I GOT...!
BUT THOSE EYES NEVER CHANGED EVEN ONCE.
THAT'S WHY, I FELT
IT WAS BEST NOT TO APPROACH YOU GUYS FROM THE START!!!
ONE DAY YOU, TOO, MIGHT LOOK AT ME WITH THOSE EYES
THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE WOULD FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE CHILD OF AN ENEMY AMONG THEM.
HAH?

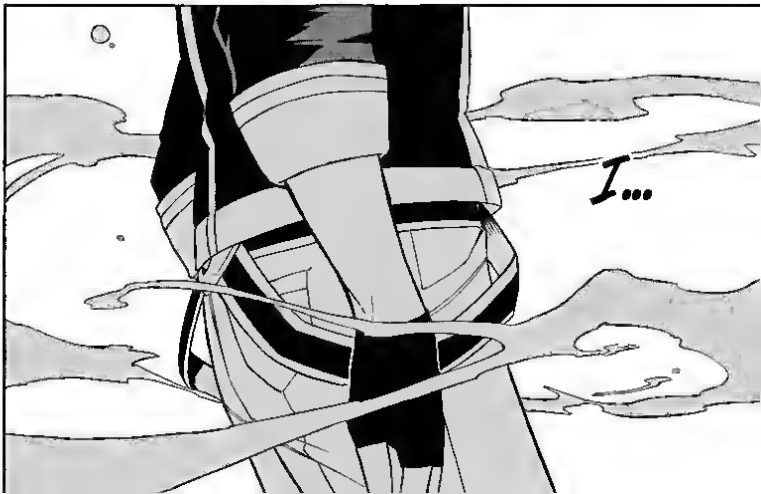
I HONESTLY
WANTED TO BE BROTHERS WITH YOU, YOU KNOW?!
!?
YOU FOOL!!!
OI, INABA!!
15 YEARS AGO.
MATCH POINT!!
MISORA!!
WOW...

HEY! MISORA!
SO COOL!!!
HE'S STRONG!!!
I'M INABA SHIRO!
LET'S TRAIN TOGETHER!
YOU'RE A NEWBIE, RIGHT?
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO ASK ME
BECAUSE WE'RE BROTHERS--
COUGH!
INA-CHAN!!
WHY'D YOU DO THAT FOR?!

DON'T TALK TO ME IF YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME.
IF YOU WANT ME TO KNOW,
YOU CAN TELL IT TO ME RIGHT NOW!!!!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST PLAYING IT COOL, BUT YOU WERE JUST AFRAID!!
I REALLY HATE GUYS LIKE YOU!!!

I TOLD YOU TO FEEL FREE TO SAY SO, STUPID HARUGO!!!

...!!
YOU MADE A FRIEND YOU CAN FACE WITH YOUR TRUE FEELINGS
DON'T LET THAT BOND GO.


I...

I WANTED TO BE BROTHERS WITH YOU GUYS!!
SURE!

CAN YOU START WRAPPING THINGS UP?
IT'S TIME TO ASSEMBLE

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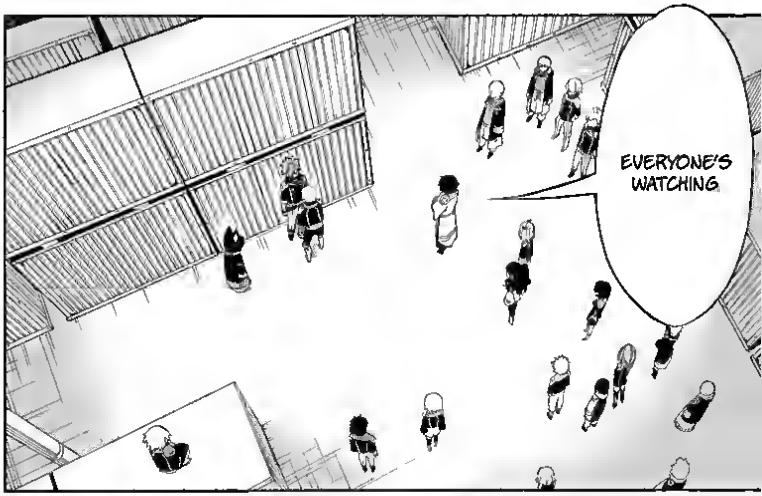
COUGH!


EVERYONE'S WATCHING

WOAH?!

GYAAAA AAAH!!!
WE'VE BEEN FOUND OUT!!
SO THIS IS YOUTH. KIMEKO'S EYES ARE HOT WITH TEARS!!
I'M SO HAPPY!!!
WHA-WHA-WHA-WHA-WHA?!
MISORA, SO THAT'S WHAT WAS ON YOUR MIND
WELL.. YOU'RE BOUND TO BE HEARD IF YOU SHOUT AT THAT VOLUME
WE WERE WRONG ABOUT YOU.
UMM...
WE'RE SORRY.
SO I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST LOOKING DOWN ON US.
YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH ON YOUR OWN.
HEY, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD US WE DIDN'T KNOW.

HURRY UP...
NO, REALLY!! OUR BIG BRO IS ON THE VERGE OF SNAPPING! MISORA, SAY SOMETHING, TOO.

WE'RE ABOUT TO GO SAVE THE BRANCH CHIEF!! THE SHOW'S OVER!!
AAAAA RGH!!
HEY, DON'T RUIN THE MOOD STUPINABA!!
ENOUGH OF THIS SHIT!!

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THE TARGET HAS MADE A MOVE! HURRY UP!!
!!

...SHUT UP...

I'M GONNA MAKE YOU GUYS PAY FOR THIS LATER.
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THOSE BOARDING THE SHIP, FOLLOW CAPTAIN LATO'S LEAD!!
COMME NCE THE OPERAT ION!!
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WE'RE DEFINITELY DOING TO SAVE DAD,
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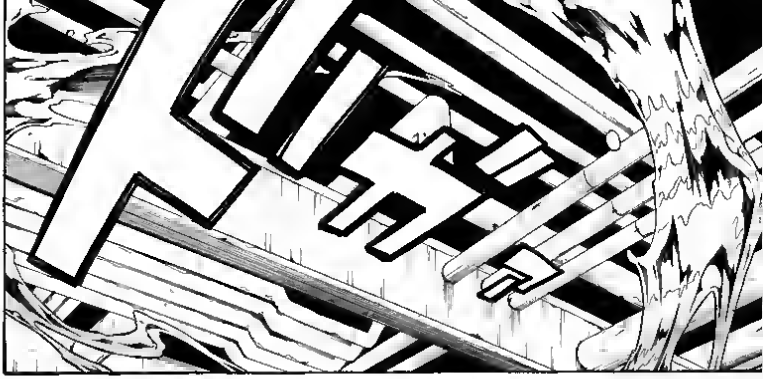
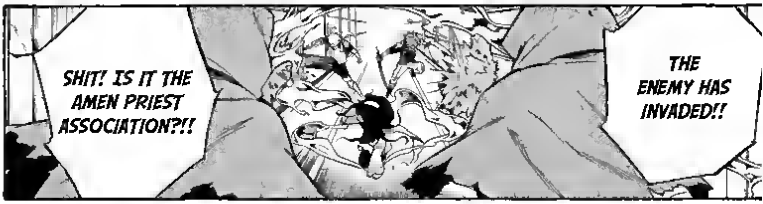
TOGETHER!





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Special Thanks.

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・綺月 うい
・黒月 舞

ご協力
・ちーにゃさん
・鳩屋 ぺちかさん

担当　下村 裕一 様

HUH?! YOU WERE TURNED DOWN BECAUSE SHE SAID YOU SMELLED OF DOGS?!
HMP WHAT?
EH? AH SORRY I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED
IT'S DANGEROUS TO F'CK UP THE SHARDS WITH YOUR BARE HANDS

AH, BUT YOU REALLY DO SMELL LIKE A DOG SO TRY TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT!!
TODAY, LET'S DRINK!!
AAAAAGH-PEH !! I CAN'T TAKE THIS!! IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT MATTERS!!
ガーン
!!!

森下 真
Morishita Makoto

KHONSU : "HE'S EASY TO READ FROM HIS ACTIONS"

次巻予告
九柱神ついに降臨する!!!
THE GOD OF STORMS AND DESTRUCTION,
"SET"

すべてはあの日から始まった…!!!

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